

Appl. No. 09/943,997
Amdt. dated 16 June 2004
Reply to Office Action of 16 March 2004

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned final Office Action, claims 1-14, 18-21, and 24 were rejected. Claims 1-13 were rejected under Section 103(a) over the combination of *Henry* and *Gerszberg*. Claims 14, 18, 19, and 24 were rejected under Section 103(a) over the combination of *Henry*, *Gerszberg*, and *Raith*. And, while objection was made to claims 15-17, 22, and 23, the Examiner acknowledged these claims to recite patentable subject matter.

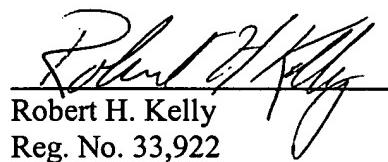
Responsive to the Examiner's action, claim 14 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 15, and the dependencies of claims 16 and 17 have been amended responsive thereto. Claims 1-13 have been canceled.

As claim 14 now recites the subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be allowable, claim 14 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Because the remaining ones of the dependent claims, dependent upon claim 14, include all of the limitations of claim 14, the claims dependent on claim 14 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, allowance of claims 14 and 16-24 is respectfully requested. Such early action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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